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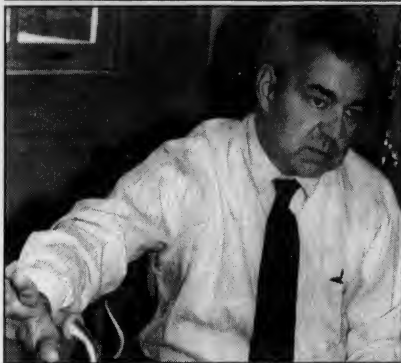


Photo by Karen Pearlman

President Anderson explains the terrifying experience of a brain aneurysm. "I have so much to be thankful for," said Anderson.

Anderson Takes Baby Steps To Recovery

By Kelly Regan
Bulletin News Editor

In his Brompton living room, Mary Washington College President William M. Anderson reflected on his on-going recovery from a life-threatening brain aneurysm.

Anderson was struck with the aneurysm on Sept. 25 at the Omni Hotel in Richmond where he was staying on college business. He was released from the Medical College of Virginia on Nov. 8 and last Tuesday completed the last of a series of memory and thinking ability tests. During the last two months, Anderson says he has seen enough pictures of his brain to last a lifetime.

Now 40 pounds lighter, doctors tell him he's in the best shape he's been in for 25 years. The battle toward normalcy, however, is far from over.

"One day I was moving 90 miles a minute, all-day meetings planned, and then all of the sudden I can't walk, eat, write. You take for granted the everyday things like feeding and bathing yourself. Now I'm learning to do those things all over again," said Anderson.

Anderson is paralyzed on the left side of his body, which makes simple tasks like shaving, answering the telephone and getting dressed a daily

challenge. Putting on socks is especially difficult. His daughter Harper, a kindergarten aide at the Fredericksburg Academy, has taken over the chore. Anderson was left-handed prior to the aneurysm. Now he must learn to write with his right hand.

"From day one I was determined to be able to do everything as I had."

-- William M. Anderson
Mary Washington College President

His vision is also severely inhibited. The eye uses the left and right side of the brain to operate so both of Anderson's eyes are impaired on the left side. In order to see objects on his left, Anderson must swivel his entire body. He has learned to read using only the right side, but the prospect of driving a car is unlikely in the near future.

One thing Anderson has not lost is his sense of humor. On learning to write, he quipped that the president's office has told him this is a good opportunity to learn denmanship. He joked about wanting a t-shirt that says, "Don't ask me now...I'm brain damaged and not responsible for anything I say."

His physical therapist, Suvi Hozzi-Bush, director of physical medicine and rehabilitation at Mary Washington Hospital, says Anderson is in high spirits throughout therapy.

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Ampitheater Saved From Destruction

By Wendi Davis
Bulletin Staff Writer

The possible destruction of the amphitheater prompted the Board of Visitors at their meeting on Nov. 15 to vote resoundingly in favor of keeping the structure on the Mary Washington campus.

The over-seventy-year-old structure is currently in a state of severe disrepair. The electrical services are no longer functioning and the rear steps have decayed to the point of being unsafe, according to John Witenmuth, director of the physical plant.

The historic preservation department at MWC has voiced concern about the damage.

"The ground shifted and cracked the concrete," said W. Brown Morton, III, associate professor of historic preservation. "When the concrete cracks it exposes the iron supports and the moisture makes them start to rust and expand."

According to Morton, tree roots are dislodging and cracking the concrete further, making it even more dangerous.

"I know that there has been more than one time that the Physical Plant has replaced windows and looks so that students won't hurt themselves," said Morton.

The rumor of possible demolition began when the Physical Plant submitted a letter to Marjorie Poick, executive vice president of the college, reviewing the usage and purpose of the amphitheater.

In the letter, dated Oct. 25, 1996, Witenmuth outlined the damage and possible uses of such a structure.

"The facility lacks a well-defined purpose or use,"



Photo by Karen Pearlman

The amphitheater appears lonely and dejected on a cold fall day. The solitude it offers is one of the main reasons students like to pay visits to the amphitheater.

wrote Witenmuth.

Witenmuth outlined other factors to be considered in the review of the possible demolition of the structure.

"Does the amphitheater serve a continuing and essential purpose in support of the college's educational mission? Are there higher priorities for the area? How would the amphitheater be used and what would be the resultant effect on the neighborhood?" wrote Witenmuth.

When asked whether he recommended demolition of the amphitheater, Witenmuth said no.

"No, I did not recommend that the amphitheater be torn down," said Witenmuth. "I did recommend that the Board of Visitors review the possibilities for the amphitheater."

Although the Physical Plant has an obligation to clean and fix up the amphitheater, the job is currently at the bottom of the list of repairs to be done.

"We have a long list of repairs and work that needs to be done," said Witenmuth. "The amphitheater is at the bottom of that list because it is not actively being used."

Witenmuth expressed concern over the amphitheater, but said other buildings that are being actively used for educational or administrative purposes take priority. According to Witenmuth, the walkways are of greater importance to the students and faculty.

Even though the amphitheater is not actively used for plays and concerts, some students use the area for study purposes or just some peace and quiet.

"There are so many students that go there to be alone," said Kelly Frans, co-chair for the student senate committee on the amphitheater. "You get crammed into a small room, with a roommate, and there really is no place to go and be alone," said Frans.

Prank Caller Lures Freshmen

By LaRose Fore
Bulletin Staff Writer

The Mary Washington College police department has received many calls concerning the fact that a man posing as an MWC police officer has called many women on campus asking them to come move their illegally parked cars.

The first reported incident occurred late Thursday night, Nov. 14, when freshman Brooke Poindexter received a phone call from a man calling himself "Sergeant Hicks." "Around 1:30 a.m. Thursday a man called our room and asked to speak to Miss Poindexter," said Melissa Pence, Poindexter's roommate. "I handed her the phone and they talked for a few seconds."

The man informed her that his name was Sergeant Hicks and that she needed to come out an move her car because it was illegally parked, said Poindexter.

"I remember him telling me to come out and move my car because he did not want me to get a parking ticket," said Poindexter.

Since Poindexter does not have a car at school, she figured the man was trying to lure her out of the building.

"He even told me that he would meet me at my car," said Poindexter.

Poindexter said she asked the man to repeat his name at which point he immediately hung up the phone.

At around 4:30 a.m. she called the MWC police to see if the department employed any officer by the name of Hicks. Officer Symmons informed her that no officer by that name existed, according to Poindexter.

This has not been the only incident that was reported to the MWC police department over the period of days.

On Nov. 20, Officer Lisa Hudson sent out an e-mail to all students and faculty concerning the incident of Sgt. Hicks.

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MWC Artists Are Heads Above The Rest

By Eric Tolbert
Bulletin Staff Writer

"Terrifying," said sophomore Beth Ann Romph.

This student is not reacting to the food in Seacobeck, but to the eye-catching three-dimensional heads which appeared in the reference section of the Simpson library a few weeks ago.

The heads are the mid-term project of adjunct professor Gloria Chappa's 3-D design class. The gargantuan cardboard creations, 13 in all, are actually profiles of the artists themselves.

"They were instructed to draw themselves in a three-dimensional form using gridding, and from the grid came the profiles," said Chappa.

Though there is some variation, the models are approximately 10 times the size of their makers. A vast amount of supplies and effort went into creating the sculptures, said sophomore Katrin Banks, one of the artists.

"It took a tremendous amount of time in and outside of class," said Banks.

The heads have been a surprise to many a weary studier upon entering the library, but they have also been the subject of rave reviews.

"They certainly make the library a little more interesting. I think they should have more stuff like that," said Cory Sell, a sophomore.

Sophomore Dan Frye agreed.

"Not to be corny, but they really brighten up my library experience," said Frye.

Special Collections Librarian Brenda Sloan has gotten a lot of positive feedback about the exhibit. "They are a fantastic addition to the library, people are forever saying great things to me about them," said Sloan. "It is amazing to me what creative people can do. All they used was cardboard. Amazing."

Chappa was pleased and surprised with the results from her class.

"They turn out even better than

I expected," Chappa said.

The Free Lance-Star, Fredericksburg's local newspaper, plans to do an article on the heads, according to Chappa.

In contrast to the mid-term project, the final project concentrates on minimizing space. Every member of the class received a match box in which they were given the task of creating a micro-environment.

"I usually have a lot of unexpected variety on this assignment," said Chappa. "This semester one girl who does track is actually doing a miniature foot locker with little javelins. Another person is making a camera that actually works."

Although Chappa is not sure whether the matchbox environments will also be displayed, it is likely that more artwork will be displayed at the library in the future.

"I really encourage more of this sort of thing. I am encouraging other art classes to use some of our spaces. It is really nice," said Sloan.

The heads are on display through finals week.



Photo by Karen Pearlman

Looking for a final exam study break? Check out the new student exhibit at the Simpson Library. It could take hours to absorb all the details on these huge three-dimensional heads. A perfect procrastination tool!

Police Beat

By Cheyenne Bray
Bulletin Staff Writer

- Misc**
- On Nov. 12, an annoying phone call was made to Fairfax House.
 - On Nov. 15, there was an annoying phone call made to Westmoreland Hall.
 - On Nov. 15, there was a report of drug activity in Virginia Hall. Nothing turned up in a police investigation.
 - On Nov. 16, police responded to a domestic dispute in the area around Willard and Mercer Halls. Apparently, the parties collided into each other. No charges were filed.
 - On Nov. 16, Colby Taylor of Fredericksburg was charged with driving with a suspended license.
 - On Nov. 17, there was a report of drug activity in Bushnell Hall. No drugs were found, but the office of Residence Life confiscated some alcohol found in the room.
 - On Nov. 17, the police were contacted when some off-campus people refused to leave Bushnell Hall. The people were later stopped outside of the hall by police and advised to leave the campus.
 - On Nov. 18, there was an annoying phone call made to Westmoreland Hall.
 - On Nov. 18, there was an assault in Mercer Hall. The office of Residence Life is handling the situation.
 - On Nov. 19, a suspicious phone call was made to Mason Hall.
 - On Nov. 19, there was an annoying phone call made to Virginia Hall.
 - On Nov. 19, a cat bit a person at Mortimer Avenue and Sunken Road. The cat was later located and the Fredericksburg Animal Department and the Health Department were notified. The
- victim was advised to get hospital treatment.
- On Nov. 20, there was an annoying phone call made to Bushnell Hall.
 - On Nov. 20, there was an obscene e-mail message at Simpson Library. The administration is handling the situation.
 - On Nov. 20, the Office of Residence Life conducted a seizure of alcohol in Marshall Hall.
 - On Nov. 21, there was an administrative seizure of alcohol in Bushnell Hall.
 - On Nov. 23, freshman Christopher Boyd was charged with attempting to elude the police, driving without a license, reckless driving and under possession of alcohol at College Avenue and Brent Street.
 - On Nov. 23, Bradley Hauer of Dumfries, VA was charged with underage possession of alcohol.
 - On Nov. 24, there was a suspicious phone call made to Alvey Hall.
 - On Nov. 25, there was an obscene voice mail message made to Hamlet House.
 - On Nov. 25, there was a fire alarm at Randolph Hall. The source of the alarm is unknown.
 - On Nov. 26, Carter Sherwood of South Carolina was charged with possession of marijuana at College Avenue and Paine Street.
 - On Dec. 3, there was a fire alarm in Jefferson Hall. The cause of the alarm was burnt food.
- Injury/Illness**
- On Nov. 14, a student was voluntarily committed to Snowden Mental Health Center.
 - On Nov. 17, an officer was injured while participating in the RAD class.
 - On Nov. 21, there was an attempted suicide in Westmoreland Hall. The person was taken to the hospital.

- On Dec. 2, a student slipped and fell on the sidewalk outside of Trinkle Hall. The student refused medical attention.
 - On Dec. 3, a student in Mason Hall experienced difficulty breathing and was transported by rescue squad to the hospital.
- DIP/DUI**
- On Nov. 17, Timothy Kochendarrer of Bedford was arrested for DUI at William Street and Sunken Road.
- Larceny**
- On Nov. 17, a wallet was reported missing from Alvey Hall. The item and its contents are worth \$35.
 - On Nov. 24, some Christmas lights were stolen from the front of Westmoreland Hall. The items are worth \$10.
 - On Nov. 24, a bike was stolen from Virginia Hall. The item is worth \$200.
 - On Nov. 25, a bike was stolen from Virginia Hall. The item is worth \$490.

- Vandalism**
- On Nov. 14, a vehicle parked on Double Drive received a flat tire. The cause is unknown.
 - On Nov. 16, a sink was pulled out of a wall in Willard Hall.
 - On Nov. 25, a vehicle parked in the Marshall parking lot was dented. The estimated cost of damages is \$100.
 - On Nov. 25, some bushes were damaged outside of Woodard Campus Center. The estimated cost of damages is \$280.

King George Man Pleads Guilty To Abduction

By Jennifer Gentry
Bulletin Staff Writer

On Nov. 14, David Newton, a resident of King George, changed his plea to guilty to the charge of abducting Christine Dombroski, a sophomore at Mary Washington College.

Newton was then taken into custody, and his sentencing was postponed until January 8. Newton pleaded guilty to a class four felony, meaning that he could be sentenced from two to 10 years imprisonment and fined up to \$100,000.

At the trial, Commonwealth's Attorney LaBrava Jenkins stated that Newton attempted to abduct Dombroski on April 23, 1996, on the corner of Littlepage and Madison streets.

Newton stopped Dombroski, who was jogging down the street, and asked her for directions to Stafford Avenue. After she explained the directions, Newton pinned

Dombroski against a fence and threatened to kill her. Then Newton picked her up and forced her into his raspberry-colored Chevy truck.

While in the truck, Dombroski saw Michael Carey ride by on a bicycle. Dombroski pounded her hands against the inside of the windshield and screamed for help to get Carey's attention. Dombroski then escaped by jumping out of Newton's moving truck. She suffered a broken left ankle as a result of the fall.

According to Jenkins, Newton probably pled guilty because of the amount of incriminating evidence against him. Evidence including Dombroski's palm prints and fingerprints, found by police on the inside of the windshield of Newton's truck.

"I wasn't surprised [about Newton pleading guilty] given the evidence against him," said Jenkins.

Jenkins said the police had little difficulty connecting Newton to the

crime. Dombroski provided a description of Newton, and a police sketch circulated throughout the community. After seeing the sketch, a community member phoned the police and identified Newton as a possible suspect.

When police questioned Newton, he denied any knowledge of the abduction. However, Dombroski identified Newton in a line-up.

"The victim was able to identify him without hesitation," said Jenkins.

Dombroski's identification of Newton resulted in the acquisition of a search warrant, which led the police to find Dombroski's fingerprints on the truck.

According to Jenkins, Judge John Scott will take into account Newton's personal history and the evidence against him before sentencing on January 8. Newton does not have a prior Department of Motor Vehicles, substance abuse, or criminal record.

SOME PEOPLE CONSIDER THESE BOOKS DANGEROUS:

THE
ADVENTURES OF
HUCKLEBERRY
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GRAPES OF
WRATH

AUTOBIOGRAPHY
OF MALCOLM X

LORD OF THE
FLIES

DEATH OF A
SALESMAN

THE CATCHER IN
THE RYE

CATCH 22

ALICE IN
WONDERLAND

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In the e-mail she informed the MWC community that "Sgt. Hicks" has contacted many female students by phone in an effort to get them to come out late at night to move their cars. Officer Hudson also requested that anyone who comes into contact with him immediately call the police.

Collins advised other MWC students to take further action against the caller.

"Ask the caller what number he is calling from and see if it matches the MWC office number," said Collins. "Most important, do not go out to meet anyone."

"The students really have no way of knowing who's calling them," according to Poindexter.

"The unfortunate happening in this situation is that we do not have star 69, or caller ID, so that we will know

where the call originated from," said Poindexter.

Collins said she was unaware that the students did not have caller ID.

Poindexter said that not knowing who was calling her was pretty scary.

Junior Zenobia Bragg, Poindexter's Resident Assistant, said she was sad because the caller chose to pick on a freshman.

"The caller probably knew that she

was a freshman and that if she had a car she would just walk out to wherever he said the illegally parked car was without telling anyone where she was going," said Bragg.

Since the incident, Poindexter has not changed her daily routines because she usually walks with her roommate and other friends late at night.

**FRIENDS
DON'T LET
FRIENDS
DRIVE
DRUNK.**

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Five days a week for one hour Hozibush requires an exhausting routine of exercises on floor mats to enhance muscle coordination.

"I am quite amazed at what he's doing. When he came in here he was in a wheelchair and now he can get up and down stairs," said Hozibush. "I really enjoy working with him. He is highly motivated and excited about working out."

Recent breakthroughs for Anderson have included pulling himself off the floor mats using only his three-pronged cane and taking ten steps without the cane. Hozibush says she aspires to see Anderson walking with a single point cane.

Following physical therapy, Anderson reports to occupational therapy for one hour and speech therapy for another hour.

Family, friends and doctors all describe Anderson's recovery as miraculous. His physical progress is being documented as a case study at the Medical College of Virginia. Anderson says optimism is the driving force toward rehabilitation. While in Richmond, doctors asked him to lead a group coping session.

"The mental attitude that you're going to work hard and be back the same person is important. From day one I was determined to be able to do everything as I had,"

said Anderson.

Anderson wasn't short on reminders of everything he was, namely president of Mary Washington College, while in the hospital. His room was decorated with a Mary Washington College banner and baskets of cards from students, faculty, and administrators.

"You wouldn't believe the support I received. [All of the cards] really mean a lot when you're in the hospital," said Anderson.

Anderson said he misses the students and was especially disappointed that he couldn't be here for Homecoming. Hospital staff told him he repeatedly asked, in a half-conscious state, to walk down campus walk. During Thanksgiving break, Anderson did return to campus walk and his office in George Washington Hall.

Anderson says he is trying to listen to the doctors' orders that rest is essential for full recovery.

"Dr. Citu [medical director of the Rehabilitation and Research Center at the Medical College of Virginia] stressed that I need space to continue healing. Things are going so well now. My pace and work schedule have to be monitored. I can't do the 16 hours a day every day," said Anderson.

He feels comfortable leaving the

college in the hands of others for now.

"We have a wonderful staff. They stepped right up to the plate," said Anderson.

Executive Vice President Midge Poeyck is acting president until Anderson is able to resume his duties. She said that she meets with Anderson on a weekly basis to inform him of new developments. She said the administration does not want to apply any pressure on Anderson.

"How soon or how long we are leaving completely up to him," said Poeyck.

Meanwhile, Poeyck is getting a taste of the highly demanding president's position.

"It's a pressure job. There's no way to get around that," said Poeyck. "I dream about it; I wake up thinking about it. It is probably the most unique experience of my entire life."

Jane Anderson, said her husband is already sneaking around to make business calls and dictate letters.

"He gets bored. It's a challenge to keep him from not working," said Anderson.

Anderson, who has been president at MWC since 1983, said he is having a hard time staying away.

"You don't devote this many

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Frans also believed that students enroll at Mary Washington specifically for structures such as the amphitheater.

"A lot of people don't realize it, but a lot of people's reasons why they come here is for places like the amphitheater. It's just something that a lot of schools don't have," said Frans.

Frans and other students on the committee don't believe that the administration understand the importance of the amphitheater to the MWC students. The committee is currently in the process of obtaining student input on how they use the structure.

The structure is used mostly, but not exclusively, by students for personal reasons, said Frans.

"Some teachers would like to go out there and teach classes, especially in the spring, when the weather is nice," said Frans.

The amphitheater has also been used for the Historic Preservation Club's annual picnic, said Frans.

"It kind of could be really useful," said Frans, regarding the possibility of year-round use of the structure.

"It could be used for a summer concert series, like that of many other small towns that have plays and entertainment during the summer," said Frans.

The historic preservation department has raised other incentives for the renovation of the amphitheater.

"The amphitheater can still be a very useful place," said Jennifer Wilson, a senior historic preservation major. "The historic preservation majors can use the amphitheater in an independent study project, to study the deterioration of buildings and then come up with solution."

Although the plan seems useful, it still does not solve the deterioration problems and the safety hazards. However, according to Frans, many students are willing to help clean up the amphitheater in order to save it.

Hopefully, the Board of Visitors' support of renovation for the amphitheater will create an outside source of support for the amphitheater.

Renovations have not yet begun because Wilentz is still drawing up plans and costs for the project. Once plans surface and are voted on by the Board of Visitors, the renovations will proceed, and the amphitheater will remain a favorite site on the Mary Washington campus.

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OPINIONS

Selling Things Holiday Style

It's that time again. The stores are full of gifts and trees and lights and toys.

The holiday season has begun, and with it crowds of people swarming through stores looking for the perfect gift.

Stores are now geared up to pray on the innocent consumer with super sales, "must have" items and "perfect gifts for that hard to buy for someone". More and more items are wheeled out on the isles for people to pick from. There is row after row of useless merchandise to choose from at "rock bottom" prices. (Which everyone knows is never the case.)

It's truly a shame that the holiday season is now equated with huge costly gifts and dreadful retail experiences.

Really who enjoys being jostled in a huge crowd of people who sweat profusely, just to get in a verbal altercation with overworked sales people? Is this any way to spend a holiday?

Perhaps it is time to return to the old ways...what ever happened to home-made gifts? Or even better, when was the last time you saw a bunch of carolers singing songs door-to-door, just for the fun of it?

Whether it's Hannukah, Christmas, or just a day to remember, try to remember that it's the personal things that count. People come first, not presents.

Unhealthy Students Must Pay

Are you sick?

Don't go to the Health Center. Besides providing very limited hours to students, the Health Center won't see off campus students unless they pay a \$200 fee, up front at the beginning of the year.

This fee just covers visiting the doctor, not medicine or anything else. And if you are fortunate enough to not need to see the doctor, you're out \$200. Are you willing to wager \$200 that you won't get sick.

For those off campus students (who probably chose to live off campus due to financial reasons) the Health Center is inaccessible because of the financial considerations.

For those on campus students who can go to the Health Center and get treated, they must realize that they can only get sick between the hours of 8 and 5 and only Monday through Friday.

Even beyond this fact though is the fact that the doctor isn't even in during all of the hours that the Health Center is open.

So even if a student is sick during the week, and during Health Center hours, there is no guarantee that they won't be sent away until the doctor returns.

All I Want For Christmas Is.....

Commercialization and Materialism Take the Fun Out of Holidays

By Zak Billmeier
Editor in Chief

Well, it's the time of the year again where people that like you enough to give you presents ask you the classic question "What do you want for Christmas?" When I was young, it was easy - I wanted a Star Wars figure or a He-Man or something like that. Now, it's tough. Other than a big liquor collection, what do I want?

I have itemized, after much careful consideration, my list of wants and needs for this holiday season (and for all-time).

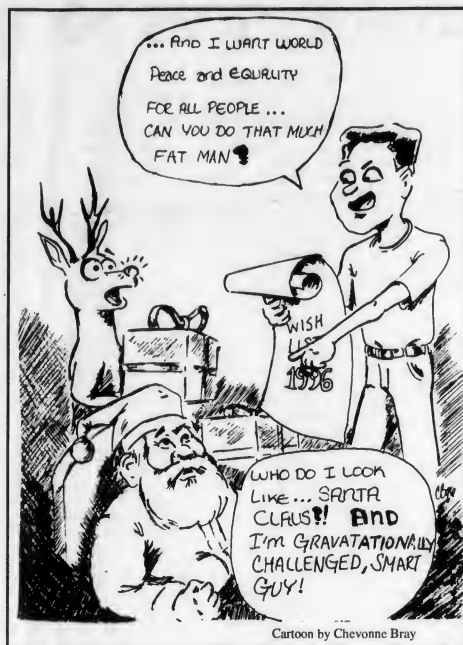
Give me a world without holiday shoppers who have the mentality of NFL defensive linemen. Give me a world without new holiday comedies starring action heroes. Give me a highway without cars toting right-to-life or "Jesus is the reason for the season" stickers on them. Give me a world where competence is more the rule than not.

I want the world rid of extremists: militants of all types; hardcore feminists, sociologists and economists. You know, Christy Hefner once said that "if all the economists in the world were laid end-to-end, it would be a good thing." The last thing the world's economy needs is "experts" creating recessions and depressions through their manipulation of global economic forecasts.

I want to rid the world of Jenny Jones, Rolanda, Gordon Elliot, Oprah, Maury Povich, Ricki Lake, Richard Bey, Mark Wahlberg and any of the other mental rapists of talk television. Get rid of their faithful, too. This will unfortunately put Jon Henson out of a job, but he'll understand.

I don't want to see any more communism. I especially don't want communists running the cable company anymore. I'm sick of the bottom line. I'm sick of the lunch line, the welfare line, and Dataline. I'm tired of save-your-ass Washington politics. I'm tired of the U.N. pretending to be important. I'm tired of Hillary Clinton pretending to be important. I'm tired of reading her middle name. I'm tired of diplomacy and inaction.

Make it so hyphenating last names



Cartoon by Chevonne Bray

is illegal and immoral. It's bad for our precious environment, too. The average American receives X number of pounds of junk mail per year (for American women, it's 2X). Each of these envelopes is addressed in toxic ink. With one more word to print on each envelope, that's just that much more ink in our drinking water.

I'm really tired of intelligent people with no brains. College is where you find them, too. Books are important, but now and then it is healthy to get off your ass and do something. What are you going to do when you're alone in a subway station at 4 A.M.? You might not read about it, so you'd

better be about it.

Give me choices. Give me something to do at home. Rid the world of anal-compulsives. Give me spontaneity and excitement. Make a law ordering Pat Summerall and John Madden to announce all the NFL games I watch. Give me Dick Vitale's head on a pole, even if Jesus was a PTPer.

Make an amendment to the Constitution concerning the public display of unsavory bodies in spandex. Don't sell pink stretch pants to fat people. Let kids be kids - did we have to wear a suit of armor to ride a bike or play little league when we were that age? Give me a world where it's okay for a man to be a man and a woman to be a woman. Put people in jail for being

overly politically correct. These people will condemn everything that happens on Capitol Hill, only to turn around and correct someone's manner of speaking. "No, that's not a fat chick, it's a womyn being challenged by the pull of gravity." Suck.

Around here, let's all try and enjoy this time of year for once. A Christmas tree isn't a covert way to call you a nigger, kike or faggot, it's just a symbol of the season. The same goes for any religious symbol. A menorah is not supposed to make anyone uncomfortable. Christmas trees shouldn't either - they are not tied to any religion at all. They are a pagan tradition started over a thousand years ago. So please, don't feel oppressed. Everyone has the right to celebrate the holidays in their own way. It's a joyous time of year, remember? Let's live in the meritment of right now rather than wallow in the despair and hopelessness of times back then. Remember

this: if you allow your perception of the past to make you miserable in the present, then you lose. Don't let it happen. So, in a nutshell, that's my wish list. My wishes are simple ones, really. They may seem numerous, but they are easily summarized. Let's live in a state of harmony, good taste and good sense. I have a dream today.

Happy Kawanza, Happy Hannukah, Merry Christmas, Merry whatever else, and good luck in all you do.

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Catching the Late Train to Fredericksburg

By Bridget Malone
Bulletin Ad Manager

After giving thanks for a long awaited and well deserved five day Thanksgiving break I found myself stranded in New York's Penn Station awaiting Amtrak train 94 to take me back to MWC.

One of my former traveling companions once warned me that he was jinxed when it comes to train travel. Now I'm not so sure that he was jinxed. Maybe it is more accurate to say that his problems occurred because Amtrak has a monopoly on interstate train transportation, and it appears that they don't feel that they need to

adhere to any schedules.

I thought that taking the train would be less stressful than sitting in ten hours of traffic on 95. I was wrong.

I should start by mentioning that it took me three lengthy calls to Amtrak to actually get a reservation on the train that I needed to be on. Somehow they didn't understand that I wanted to leave Fredericksburg for Thanksgiving.

Anyway, for my overpriced ticket I did not even get a seat going North. I understand that it makes economic sense to over book seats, heck the airlines do it all the time. There were so many people without seats that people

actually were standing in between the cars because there wasn't any more room for people to stand in the actual train.

On my return trip I conscientiously arrived at the station twenty minutes early to find that my train was ten minutes late. I was overjoyed. Then they announced that my train would be 50 minutes late. By this time I had depleted all of the exciting activities in Penn Station and just wanted to get to Fredericksburg.

To make a long story short I finally got to Fredericksburg ten hours after I left my house in Eastern Long Island, the same amount of time that it would have taken me to drive, and two hours after I had planned on returning.

I guess this isn't the worst thing that

could have happened to me. However, it seems as though it made my holiday a little less worthwhile.

On a positive note I guess Amtrak is improving a little bit.

Two years ago the train I was on stopped for two hours right outside the Alexandria station. Why? Because the conductor was high and ran through a red light so Amtrak brought in a whole new crew to get the train safely to Richmond.

The unfortunate thing is that almost everyone has Amtrak stories similar to mine and there are not too many people who are willing or able to do anything about it.

Letters to the Editor

Smoker Calls For Better Butt Disposal

Editor:

As a smoker, I have noticed the overwhelming lack of facilities for smokers on this campus. I don't necessarily mean being allowed to smoke in a lecture hall (although it would be nice), but consider the lack of simple ashtrays around campus.

Say for instance that a person is smoking as they stroll down campus walk, and that person finishes their cigarette by the fountain. Where does

that person put the cigarette? The choices are limited- you can walk to an academic building or dorm and then try to locate the one ashtray that the building has. Or the person could simply flick the cigarette onto the ground.

Mary Washington has a nice campus and I personally don't like the sight of cigarette butts all over the place, but alas, I still do it.

I think that there needs to be more ash trays spread out along the campus other than outside the academic buildings and dorms to accommodate smokers like me and

cut down on the cigarette butt litter that is unfortunately left.

Chandra DasGupta
Freshman

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FEATURES

Senior With Tourette's Syndrome Aces Social Test

By Kimberly Jameson
Bulletin Staff Writer

Senior George Rohman was in the check-out line at Wal-Mart. He knew he was in trouble when he felt the tension building in his chest. Suddenly he shrugged his head, moved his jaw and emitted a loud yelp.

The woman in front of him dropped some light bulbs, sending shards of glass in every direction. Rohman and his friend could not stop laughing.

"I know the lady thought I had done it on purpose as a joke. We took off and got out of the store as fast as we could," Rohman said.

Rohman has Tourette's syndrome. He said the symptoms first appeared when he was two to three years old.

According to Rohman, his parents used to say, "Stop squeaking, George."

His parents took him from doctor to doctor in search of an explanation. At one point, he was put on Ritalin, a sedative, but it did not suppress his motor and vocal outbursts, Rohman said.

According to Rohman, a neurologist in New York diagnosed him as having Tourette's syndrome.

In "Tourette's Syndrome in Human Behavior," David E. Cummings describes the disorder as common and hereditary. Some symptoms are vocal and motor tics such as eyeblinking, grimacing, head jerking and shoulder shrugging. Compulsive swearing

tic appears in about a third of the people with Tourette's.

The average onset age is seven. The disorder affects three to four times as many males as females. People of all races can have the disorder.

According to Rohman, at the age of 12, he lost his father to leukemia. His mother decided to return to Long Island, N.Y. to be close to the family. An aunt, who worked with children in special education, recognized the symptoms she saw in Rohman.

"She was the one who pushed us toward Stony Brook, an advanced medical center on Long Island," he said.

The condition was identified immediately, but it can take 12 to 15 years to diagnose Tourette's, said Rohman.

According to Rohman, he is the first one in his family to have Tourette's syndrome. He did not understand the condition when he was younger. As he grew older, it became a nightmare. His teachers and friends did not understand his behavior. The worst part was that he could not explain it either. He was 16 or 17 before he could understand the disorder.

"At first I was hit. My father had died, and three or four months later, I was diagnosed with Tourette's. Looking back, I can see this has been a monumental part of my life," Rohman said.

According to his mother, Connie Rohman, "George has always been very independent and strong-willed."

She said she always worried that the other kids would tease or embarrass him. She remembers a trip to Atlanta

to visit family. The plane took off, and Rohman started to make yelping sounds. The men a few rows ahead of her mimicked him.

She said her heart was breaking then. She was surprised that grown men would behave that way.

"It takes a lot to endure growing up with Tourette's. George has always had good friends who understood the situation and were on his side. He deserves a lot of credit for all his accomplishments. I'm very proud of him," she said.

According to Rohman, at first he tried to hide the disorder. He didn't know what else to do. He thought keeping to himself would prevent others from asking questions.

He said that a classmate once made a harmless joke about his disorder. At that point, Rohman realized he needed to be himself.

"After a while people get used to me. Nobody turns around when they hear me, and nobody says anything," Rohman said.

When it was time to select a college, Rohman looked for a small campus where he could adapt quickly. Although he was apprehensive, he was ready for a change, he said.

"The first year at MWC was definitely the most difficult," he said. "In high school everybody knew me; now I had to start explaining the disorder over again."

According to Rohman, most of the professors have been very accommodating and were willing to work with him.

He said there was some discor-

during his first year. One professor called Rohman in her office, asked him if he needed the class and hinted to him to drop it. She then suggested that he should get notes from another student and not come to class. Rohman refused.

Rohman said he does not want to be a distraction to other students. He does not mind taking a test in another room.

"There have been times when I have kept the students from falling asleep in class and sometimes wake them up," he said.

Rohman said he talked to several classmates and they suggested that he stay in the course. A few said the professor had talked to them about him. They had told the professor that they didn't really notice his tics anymore. He stayed in the class.

Galen de Graff, Assistant Professor of business administration, taught Rohman in two courses. De Graff said he had heard about his student's disorder. He had explained that he had a disorder himself.

De Graff said he was worried at first because he did not want to embarrass the student.

"I told him about being a helicopter pilot in Vietnam. I explained about the rocket attacks and how sudden, loud noises make me jump. Our conversation seemed to put him at ease," de Graff said.

According to de Graff, he could gauge the stress level in the class by Rohman's reaction. One day de Graff asked the class a bear. Rohman yelled out, "Oh, no!"

De Graff said that he told Rohman



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Senior George Rohman (right) attempts to give senior David Szegea a decent haircut.

that was not the correct answer. Everyone laughed, but de Graff realized Rohman was a reflection of the how the class was feeling.

"The other students know George. They just laugh or smile and accept him. George is a nice guy who just happens to have this condition," de Graff said.

Rohman said his overall experiences at Mwc have been good, but the first-year students are a challenge.

"They are a tough group. They are right out of high school, and when

they hear me they have a field day... Once people are not afraid to talk about the disorder, we can have fun," he said.

Rohman said the disorder changes with the environment. He will have no tics at a rock concert, but they often appear in the library. He can suppress tics for a short time.

"I can best describe the tics as being like a sneeze or a hiccup. You know it's there, and you can control it for a while, but you know it will

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Fear Of Alleged Serial Killer Stalks Local Communities

By Kimberly Jameson
Bulletin Staff Writer

Many people, especially those in the Lignum and Mary Washington communities, fear that a serial killer is on the loose. Within the past six months, four females, whose deaths have been attributed to homicide by the Virginia state police, have been discovered along Route 3.

"I feel [the murderer] is the same person for all four women" said Debbie Martin, a member of the Lignum community. "I feel it's someone who has a psychological problem dealing with many grudges or grievances towards women."

The most recent body found was that of Sofia Silva, 16. A student at Courtland High School, Silva was last seen on the front porch of her Spotsylvania home. On Monday, Oct. 14, Gary Norman, a maintenance man for Dominion Growers, discovered the body in Birchwood Creek, one-fifth of a mile from Route 3.

Birchwood Creek can be found in the Sealston area of King George County.

On Sept. 22, men training their hunting dogs discovered the partially decomposed body of Anne Carolyn McDaniel in a Bama field. Bama, which

is approximately three miles north of Lignum, is part of Culpeper County. McDaniel, a resident of the President Madison Inn group home for mentally disabled adults, had been missing since Sept. 19.

According to Lucy Caldwell, public information officer for Virginia state police, McDaniel's body was found eight miles away from the site where the first homicide victim was discovered.

The first homicide victim was Alicia Showalter Reynolds, 25. According to Caldwell, Reynolds' body was discovered on May 7 by a Child Help employee who had been investigating recent sightings of multiple vultures. Reynolds, who was last seen on U.S. 29 South, had been missing for nine weeks.

Shortly after Reynolds' body was found, a second homicide victim was discovered. Thelma Scroggins' body was found on July 14 in her home by men coming to get her for church. At the present time, the state police are reporting that the crime scene where Scroggins' body was found is the only one to show signs of theft. While Scroggins' green pickup truck was recovered, her purse has not yet been found.

Even though the state police are attributing all four bodies to homicide, Caldwell feels it is too soon to say if the crimes were committed by the same person or people.

"While we can't say they are not related, for us it's still an open question," Caldwell said. "Right now, we are working on them as unique cases. The investigators are working each case as a separate case. They are in weekly communication, though, at the least."

Joan Olson, chairwoman and associate professor of sociology, agreed with Caldwell. Olson teaches

criminology and calls herself "somewhat of an expert" on serial killers. She has made herself familiar with this area of criminology in order to dispel the myths her students have been fed by the media, she said.

"Just because we have four [murders] for a change, when usually we have one or two, why do you have to jump to the conclusion that they are all related?" Olson said. "The Free Lance-Star has tried to make this big claim that they're all along Route 3, but that's the main thoroughfare. The odds are not in favor that it's a serial killer."

Associate professor of psychology and teacher of forensic psychology and criminal violence, the definition of a serial killer is "a person who kills three or more people with a cooling off period between each victim. This cooling off period can be days, or weeks, mostly typically months, or years."

Despite officials' attempts at denying any correlation between the four murders, the media has been emphasizing the closeness of each murder in relation to the time each female disappeared and the place each body was found.

The Sept. 24 issue of *The Free Lance-Star* quotes ex-FBI agent Clinton Van Zandt as saying, "I would not speculate that the three [cases] are linked. But you can't deny the commonsense reaction of 'How do we get three bodies in the same area?'"

The same article also quotes ex-FBI agent Robert Ressler as saying, "You don't dump bodies in an area for no particular reason."

Today, Van Zandt, who describes himself as "a behavior specialist for Fortune 500-type clubs," said he believes, "The commonality is that



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Within the past six months, four female bodies have been discovered along Route 3.

all four bodies are women and all four were found in the same general area. But you can't say these crimes are connected yet because their victimology- their backgrounds- are so diverse."

According to Van Zandt, the police should be able to tell from the autopsies whether they should be looking for a serial killer. Van Zandt says similarities in damage and assault would suggest a serial killer.

Caldwell said she is unable to release any information concerning the conditions of the bodies when they were found or any details which were revealed from the autopsies. In spite of the lack of facts which the public has been presented with, many people in the Lignum and Mary Washington communities continue to believe a serial killer is at large. For example, Martin disagreed with Olson's statement concerning Route 3 as a logical correlation.

"I feel that [the murders] were related," Martin said. "The closeness and the proximity is too coincidental to me. Someone had to have traveled those spots frequently to know private

places where they could drop the bodies."

Kristie Walker, a Lignum resident whose house is located one-fourth of a mile away from where McDaniel's body was found, not only fears a serial killer, but also that he is still nearby.

"I'm really mad there's this person who feels he has the right to do this to women," Walker said. "I'm very nervous all the time. Last weekend, when my husband John wasn't going to be here, I went and spent the night at my parents' house. I took my gun with me in the car, too."

For many Mary Washington students, the fact that there has been multiple murders has made the biggest impact.

Senior Kim Purcell said, "It wasn't so bad when it was just the one body, but now that they've found others, it's pretty scary."

Junior Lyle Wampler said that her apprehensions grew as the second, third and fourth bodies were found.

"I'm even more scared now," Wampler said. "And I have to wonder, you know? It makes me think

there will be more now that there's been so many random things. I can't just say 'oh, that just happened once.'"

Even if they do not believe that the murders are connected, people have become more cautious in their daily lives and traveling.

Sophomore John Griffin said, "When my mom travels, I worry about her. I feel pretty safe because most of the crimes have been against women. It's sad that it's not safe for people to travel anymore."

Evelyn Madden, a Lignum resident, said, "I think more of us, even men, are looking over their shoulder now. Not so much looking at each other but looking for the stranger in the midst. People are beginning to wonder if the police have any ideas who is behind these murders."

According to Caldwell, no suspects are being identified for any of the cases.

Van Zandt said he feels people will continue to fear that a serial killer is on the loose until a suspect has been acknowledged.

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happen," he said.

According to Rohman, the medication usually prescribed makes him fall asleep in class.

"I just couldn't function, so I don't take anything," he said.

Rohman said the academic side to college life has not been a problem for him. He has carried a full load each semester and feels he has done well in every class.

According to Rohman, social interaction is the difficult part of campus life. He dates, but he is looking for girls who are more mentally mature. The toughest part is the fear of getting too close emotionally.

Rohman said he goes to social functions and bars. All the bartenders in town know him, so he doesn't get kicked out when the tics occur.

Rohman said he was drinking beer in a restaurant with 12 of his friends. Beer usually calms the tics. However a "redneck" came to the table and asked, "What are you doing?" Rohman explained his disorder. The man did not believe him, mocked him and walked away.

"When people approach me in that

way, I always say, 'Do you really think I would sit here hour after hour and make noises?'" Rohman said.

He said he does not mind being asked about the disorder. It is a legitimate question and one he would ask too. What bothers him is when people say they don't care and walk away.

"I think it's their pride, or they are embarrassed by how they acted. I have never forgotten any incident like that," he said.

Rohman said he faces public scrutiny every day. The disorder used to determine his behavior.

Rohman said he has played on the MWC men's tennis team for three years. The tics disappear when he is involved in an activity that requires concentration. They do not interfere with his playing. They surface only during breaks.

Tennis coach Roy Gordon described Rohman as a friendly guy. The team members like him so they accept the disorder as part of him.

Senior Cameron McKay met Rohman during their sophomore year. He said Rohman is more outgoing than anyone he knows.

They became friends and decided to become housemates off-campus.

According to McKay, people expect Rohman to be withdrawn, but he is not. The three housemates clown around a lot; Rohman has a great sense of humor.

Rohman will graduate in December as a business major with a minor in psychology. He feels the courses he has taken will complement a career in human resources. The biggest challenge will come when he starts to work full-time employee.

"I will be entering a whole new situation," Rohman said. "I have learned not to waste my time with people who don't want to deal with [my disorder]. I just go in a different direction."

The effect of Tourette's syndrome on employment varies. Studies done in Ohio and New York show that half the people with Tourette's are employed full-time or part-time. The rest are unemployed by choice.

"Everybody has their problems, mine are a little louder and more vocal than others. You have to take what you're dealt and play the cards out," Rohman said.

He said the hard part is past. His tics have stayed constant since he was 17. The symptoms generally plateau in the mid-20s or 30s and may then decrease. They rarely increase after 20. Rohman is 23.

Rohman is in good company. Others with Tourette's syndrome are: Jim Eisenreich, pitcher for the Philadelphia Phillies, actor Rodney Dangerfield and comedian Andrew Dice Clay.

Rohman said five years from now, he hopes to have a job he enjoys. He also hopes his co-workers will accept him.

"I hope to be in a place where the pain of this disorder will be the lowest possible level, and where it will not become an issue," he said.

Would he take medication to cure the disorder? Absolutely, he said. However the disorder is part of his identity.

Rohman said the initiative, motivation and determination he possesses came from having the disorder. Without the Tourette's syndrome, he would no longer be unique; he would be just George.

THUMBS...

a features column by the Bulletin staff

UP



to the Dance Company for an excellent performance in the fall concert. It's too bad MWC is trying to get rid of a department that possesses obvious interest and talent.

to finals, now and forever.

DOWN



UP



to the great paint job recently completed in Monroe Hall.

to people who wear anything besides sweat pants during exam week. Don't do it, you'll make the rest of us look bad.

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UP



to the popular performance given by the band River.

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SPORTS

Sports Briefs

Bullet Players of the Week

Robin Kozic & Felicity Smith

Kozic and Smith, members of the women's soccer team, were named to the NSCAA/Umbro Division III all-South Regions second team this week. Kozic, a senior midfielder, was the anchor of the Eagles offense this year, while Smith, a junior defender, led the stalwart defense. The two earned mention in the *Washington Post* for the honor. Congrats, ladies.

Men's Basketball

Lynchburg 78, MWC 62 (11-25)

MWC (62): Bunch 7-9 0-1 14, McCarthy 2-10 6-6 10, Burch 0-2 0-0 0, Love 4-10 1-2 11, Burroughs 1-7 0-2, Felix 7-12 1-3 15, Zenker 1-5 2-3 4, Kiedrow 0-0 4-5 4, Faccio 0-0 0-0 0, Stemberger 0-0 0-0 0. **Team 22-55 16-22 62.**

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Christmas

The Bullet Sports Staff would like to wish everyone a fun, safe, relaxing break.

The staff will be back after the break ready to continue cranking out that high-quality, highly professional journalism you've come to expect from the sports page.

The staff will use their free time researching topics for next semester's articles. Keep your eyes out for such hard-hitting articles as: "Riding the Mechanical Bull at Houston's: Every bit as painful as it sounds."

Remember: Take it easy on the Egg Nog (see below), leave plenty of cookies out for Santa, and be good for goodness sake

The Bullet Sports Staff's Secret Egg Nog Recipe

INGREDIENTS:
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Pour egg nog into tall glass. Add large amounts of SoCo, until mixture resembles the egg nog that your dad drinks. Stir well. Taste. If beverage tastes like gasoline, you are ready to go. Enjoy with celery sticks, or maybe some of those cookies your mom made. And remember, drink responsibly--no more than two glasses an hour.

Upcoming Events . . .

Women's Basketball

Dec. 6 vs. St. Mary's College of Md.
at Goolrick Gym, 6 p.m.
Jan. 10 at Elizabethtown Tourney

Men's Basketball

Dec. 6 at St. Mary's College Md., 8 p.m.

Swimming

Dec. 6-7 at Franklin & Marshall Invitational

Sugar Bowl (NCAA Title Game)

Jan. 2 at New Orleans

Army-Navy Game

Dec. 7 at Veteran's Stadium, Philadelphia

Heisman Trophy Presentation

Dec. 14 at Downtown Athletic Club

Christmas

Dec. 25, TBA

Hanukkah

Dec. 6-13

Kwanzaa

Dec. 26-

Men's Soccer Falls In NCAAs

Eagles Win in 1st Round, Fall to G'Boro 1-0 in 2nd

By Aaron Isaacson
Bullet Staff Writer

The Mary Washington College Men's soccer team had finally made it back to the NCAA Division III tournament after a three year absence. For the last two years, the men's team had compiled impressive regular season records only to be passed over for a selection in the Division III playoffs.

The Eagles justified their selection in 1996 with a 2-0 win over Maryville College on Saturday, November 16 in the first round of the tournament. Unfortunately, the celebration of the Maryville victory was short-lived as the Eagles were beaten the next day in the South Regional final by a strong Greensboro College squad by a score of 1-0.

Sophomore forward Jay Hartley felt that the Eagles played their hearts out over the weekend, but eventually lost to a technically and physically superior team. "The fact that they were bigger and a bit faster than us was the deciding factor," Hartley said.

Senior forward Chris Belloch frankly felt that his Eagles just lost to a better team. "Everyone of their players was skillful. No one player was a liability," Belloch said. Like Hartley, Belloch also felt that Greensboro had a definite athletic advantage over the Eagles, mostly in the speed department.

In Saturday's game against Maryville, the Eagles played evenly with their opponent for most of the match. The difference in the game came within a wild 1 1/2 minute stretch in which the Eagles erupted for two quick

goals. The first goal came eight minutes into the second half when junior midfielder Craig Gillan volleyed a ball into the upper far side of the net after receiving a deflection off of a Belloch corner kick.

Just 90 seconds later, Belloch put the proverbial nail in Maryville's coffin by heading in freshman forward Dan Guarriello's chip from about twenty yards out.

After the match, Eagles coach Roy Gordon was left with mixed emotions. Although happy about the victory, Gordon felt that the Eagles could have played better.

"We did not possess the ball well, especially in the first half," Gordon said.

In regards to his gameplan for Greensboro the next day, Gordon felt that the Eagles had to play low pressure defense because the Greensboro team might be too fast and skilled to play tight man to man marking.

"They are definitely a big-time team. We will try to play low-pressure defense and then try to counterattack on offense," said Gordon on Saturday about his plans for the Greensboro game.

On Sunday, the Eagles came out a bit sluggish for the first 10-15 minutes of the first half, but soon got their feet under them. By implementing a low pressure defensive system, the Eagles were able to keep Greensboro scoreless for most of the first half while generating a few scoring chances of their own.

Junior forward Jason Fasaro had a volley go just wide of the net in the first ten minutes of the half and Belloch



File Photo

see SOCCER, page 7 Freshman Kelly Coffey charges upfield.

Gates Named All-American

By Jason Schultz
Bullet Staff Writer

In the often lonely and forgotten sport of cross country, senior runner Jon Gates has found a direction in which to go: straight ahead towards a goal. That goal he's been running for is all-American status, and this season he ran down that dream following a career of running into the record books at Mary Washington.

Gates is a four time all-CAC performer, two time CAC runner of the year, and a three time invitational Division III national championships, in which he has achieved the three highest finishes by a male in MWC history.

Despite all his achievements, Gates said that he "sort of stumbled" into cross country. At James Woods High School in Winchester, VA, Gates started out as a basketball player, but was relegated to the bench for several years and finally gave up. He then tried soccer, but got cut from the team. He also tried running sprints in track, but said he was "no good."

Finally, Gates stumbled upon distance running while on the track team, and then discovered cross country during his junior year. He liked what he had found immediately, he said, loving the fact that he would always get a chance to compete and contribute rather than sitting on the bench as he had in basketball. He also found out that he was "pretty good" at distance running.

From that point on, Gates has stuck with distance running and cross country, much to the delight of MWC cross country coach Stan Soper, who "couldn't have been happier" that Gates decided to run at MWC. Soper said that Gates came into a

program that was already strong and kept it going, giving four great seasons to the program.

Gates recalled that his freshman season was tough at first. According to Soper, Gates began as an average runner, taking a five mile course in the upper 27 minute range. At that point, Gates said that two leaders from that team, then senior Murray Chesno and then junior Craig Moyer, took him under their wing.

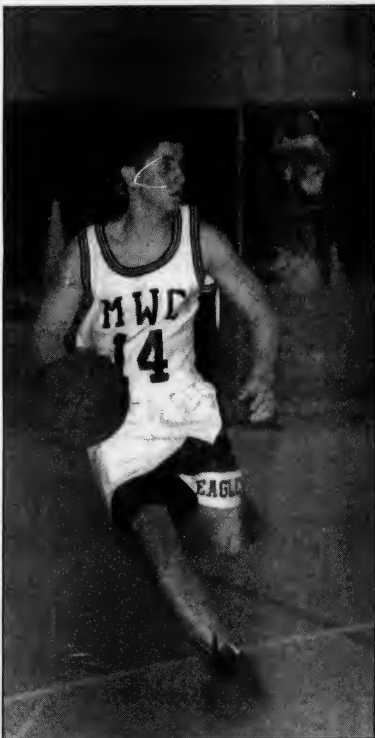
Soper agreed, saying that Chesno and Moyer groomed Gates to take over the role of team leader after they departed. After that, Gates moved from average to outstanding.

That same year, 1992, was also the first nationals appearance for Gates. He had gone from a 27-plus runner to a 27 flat runner, and that qualified him for the nationals, according to Soper. Once there, Gates was running for what has always been one of his major goals: finishing in the top 35 and earning that coveted all-American status. He just barely missed out, finishing 37th, but he still recorded the highest finish ever for an MWC male.

Gates returned to the nationals again in 1995, but finished a disappointing 61st. This was still higher than anyone else had ever finished at MWC, and combined with his CAC runner of the year award made for a fine season. But Gates still wanted that all-American spot as he headed toward his senior year.

After a stellar 1996 in which he and fellow senior Justin Gerbereux ate up the CAC field, including a 1-2 finish at the conference championships in which they beat all the other runners by more than a full

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File Photo

Point guard David Love leading the charge.

Men's Basketball Wins Two Straight

By Zak Billmeier
Bullet Editor-in-chief

The Men's basketball team won two straight games this week, evening their record at 2-2. They downed Western Maryland, 75-67, on Tuesday night, and then came right back Wednesday to crush Marymount, 76-60.

Sophomore point guard David Love was a standout in both games, hitting for 24 points Tuesday and 16 on Wednesday. Senior Justin McCarthy also stood out, scoring 18 and 17 points. Sophomore forward George Bunch was consistent, scoring 12 points and collecting eight rebounds Tuesday, and scoring 12 points and collecting six rebounds on Wednesday.

Rebounding has been a real bright spot for the Eagles this year. They have outrebounded their

opponent in all four games this year, including 41-11 against Western Maryland and 48-32 against Marymount. McCarthy, Bunch, and sophomore forward Marvin Felix have been a huge part of the Eagles' success: on the boards.

The Eagles also made strides in a department that has plagued them in the past on Wednesday night: free throw shooting. They more or less pulled away from Marymount in the second half by making 24 of 31 free throws. They were 8 for 8 in the first half, putting them at an outstanding 82 percent for the game. This was compared to just 65 percent the night before.

At 2-2, and with a new win streak, the Eagles have something to look forward to in 1997.



By Zak Billmeier & Brian Schumacher

Finding themselves on the wrong end of The Gun this week:

1. Leon Lett

We would love to stop writing about the Cowboys. Quite frankly, we've gotten a bit bored with the whole thing. In fact, we probably would have written the column this week without even mentioning the 'boys, were it not for Leon Lett. Lett, known to be the biggest dumbass* in the NFL, failed yet another drug test last week. For testing positive for cocaine again, Lett will be suspended for one season -- effective immediately. (Are the Ravens

paying attention?) He is to have no contact with the team, not even Michael Irvin.

Team owner Jerry Jones, known by his close friends as Juan Alfonso de Colombo, is looking to cash in on Leon's blunder. First, he contacted the Guinness Book of World Records to see if Dallas Stadium is in fact the world's largest crack house (its closest competitor would of course be Marion Barry's office building in downtown D.C.). Second he spoke to the Association of South American Drug Cartels (ASADC), about replacing Nike and

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Pepsi as the team's primary sponsor, and finally, he is contemplating replacing the team's star logo with an eight ball of crack. Head coach Barry Switzer has apparently advised against the switch, fearing it would distract his players during games.

That's five Dallas players in eighteen months that have been suspended for "violation of the league's substance abuse policy," or for getting caught red-handed holding the crack pipe. One's an accident, two's a trend. . . five is a goddamn law.

Good luck, guys. Just try to keep your noses clean (sniff, sniff).

2. Big Daddy

We are quickly approaching the date for the next huge boxing extravaganza, Bowe-Golota II. You must remember the first one. "Big Daddy" Bowe came out looking just like Buster Douglas did when he fought Evander Holyfield: fat as hell. He was fighting an equally fat guy named Andrew Golota who proceeded to show Bowe who really was the master of the house, beating the portly ex-champ soundly. The problem was, he kept landing punches below the belt and was disqualified. A riot ensued, and thus provided the pay-per-view audience with the best entertainment of the night (especially when Lou Duva went down - it's always great seeing those crook promoters actually take one on the chin).

All we can say is hope for another

riot, because watching a fat ex-champ fight a fat wannabe is not all that sweet (like George Foreman fighting in the '90s).

3. Michael Westbrook

Who? Never heard of him. The only people who have heard of him are the Redskins' team doctors. For a guy who was supposed to be a cornerstone of the franchise for years to come, Westbrook has been, well, a miserable failure.

When he's been healthy (we think that was for about ten minutes during the Philadelphia Eagles game three weeks ago) he has been impressive. Unfortunately for the 'Skins, Westbrook is out of commission once again. Mikey got a boo-boo on his knee during the Dallas game and couldn't suck it up and get back in the game. Meanwhile, Dallas' Emmitt Smith was running all over the Redskins (despite an injured shoulder, knee, and ankle).

Suck it up, ya pansy.

4. Here We Go Again

Look out below, folks. That overweight, cynical, flautulent pile of cold-blooded scales known as the Lounge Lizard has made it out of the sewer and onto the entertainment page again. Lizards have forked tongues, remember. But, it does give The Gun a target. Besides, lizard-skin boots are on our Christmas lists.

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minute, Gates was right back where he wanted to be, at the starting line of the national meet.

Soper said that Gates' whole season both mentally and physically had been pointed to this one race. Gates agreed, saying that this season had been special because he had started earlier in his off-season training (something he usually doesn't do) in order to be in top form for the nationals. Soper also added that Gates had by now mastered the mental aspects of cross country, and no longer needed the coach's teachings.

"There's just not much I need to do with him anymore," Soper said. "He knows what it takes to execute at big meets."

Gates said that he can never tell before a race how he is going to run, but that he usually knows soon after the start if he is on his game. Soon after the start of this national race, he knew he was on, and that this was going to be one of his best races ever.

Gates started off in first place for the first quarter mile, and stayed in the top six to eight runners for most of the race. From there, Soper observed that Gates just held on as much as he could until the finish.

Though he lost a few spots at the end, Gates finished 13th with a time of 24:47 and thus became what he had always dreamed of, an all-American. In six years, he had gone from riding the pine to riding high. Once finding his goal, he ran toward it as fast as he could, and came out a winner.

B.S. (Bullet Staff) Sports Polls**Pro Football NCAA Football Pro Hoops NCAA Basketball**

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|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Green Bay (47) | 1. Florida St. (49) | 1. Chicago (49) | 1. Kansas (47) |
| 1. Denver (47) | 2. Arizona St. (40) | 2. Houston (43) | 2. Wake Forest (45) |
| 3. San Francisco (36) | 3. Nebraska (38) | 3. Seattle (39) | 3. Cincinnati (38) |
| 4. Dallas (23) | 4. Florida (35) | 4. Utah (36) | 4. Kentucky (31) |
| 5. Carolina (22) | 5. Ohio St. (35) | 5. Detroit (28) | 5. Utah (23) |
| 6. Pittsburgh (21) | 6. Colorado (17) | 6. LA Lakers (26) | 6. Duke (18) |
| 7. New England (21) | 7. Penn St. (16) | 7. New York (15) | 7. Villanova (15) |
| 8. Philadelphia (20) | 8. BYU (15) | 8. Miami (14) | 8. Michigan (14) |
| 9. Buffalo (17) | 9. Va. Tech (14) | 9. Orlando (8) | 9. Clemson (13) |
| 10. Washington (9) | 10. Northwestern (6) | 10. Washington (4) | 10. New Mexico (11) |

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had a shot stopped just minutes later by Greensboro goalkeeper Bryan Laraque.

Unfortunately, the Eagles had nothing to show for a well-placed first half except for a 1-0 deficit courtesy of Greensboro midfielder Dan Collins' goal with ten minutes left in the half.

In the second half, Greensboro used their athleticism and skill, especially in the back, to keep the Eagles from mounting a serious offensive attack. The shutout was

the second suffered by the Eagles this season, and like the first one, it came at the hands of Greensboro.

After the game, Coach Gordon said he thought his team played as well as they could have and that he was proud of their effort throughout the season.

While citing Greensboro's athleticism and skill, Gordon felt the difference in the game came down to the play of Greensboro goalkeeper Laraque.

"He (Laraque) was definitely the

difference. He had about four or five exceptional saves that saved the game for Greensboro," Gordon said.

Gordon is optimistic about the potential for success with next year's team, which only loses three seniors, but three valuable ones in Blueloch, goalkeeper Jim Hummel, and strong reserve midfielder Brad Kroll.

"I think we have some holes, but they are definitely fixable," Gordon said in regard to next year's returning squad. "If we do fix these holes, we could again be a good team."

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ENTERTAINMENT

River Runs Through The Underground

By Jeremiah Stoddard
Bulletin Staff Writer

Amid mumbling and whispers of "who are these guys?" from the audience at the Underground, The Now Defunct Dead Squirrels timidly took the stage to open for the D.C. based band River Sunday, Nov. 24.

The quartet tuned their respective instruments, and without introduction, launched into their first song. Immediately the ambivalent audience recognized an undeniably attractive quality to the Dead Squirrels sound. The rollicking, circus-like rhythm provided by keyboardist Mark Canaellier propelled off-key, yet heartfelt lyrics out of lead singer James Moore. Newly acquired bassist Tristan Leider and drummer Brandon Goldstein provided a solid back beat that allowed Canaellier to experiment and play with the Door-ish, haunting quality of his organ and to add a layer of music and sound that is rare in college bands.

The Dead Squirrels played a mix of covers and originals in their hour-long opening set. The songs dealt mostly with lost loves and heartaches. The Now Defunct Dead Squirrels never achieved a constant rhythm in their set, yet they inspired the gathering at the Underground to wonder what could be. As senior Marshall Greenberg said, "they're a pretty good band."

After the Dead Squirrels finished their set to heart-felt applause, the audience milled about, contemplating who River was and what exactly they sounded like. Following ten minutes of wondering, River confidently took the stage, ready to provide MWC with an experience. And an experience it was.

River is aptly named. Imagine a calm summer day, butterflies lazily about, picnic basket and your first love, and somewhere, you hear a placid, flowing river wafting by nearby. That is River's sound. Infectious and mellow, see RIVER, page 9



River Rocks the Underground!

Above: River entices the student audience with its mellow, groovy sound.

Right: River's lead singer Chris Keup uses his satin voice to charm the Underground.

Photos by Karen Pearlman



By Ryan Mac Michael
Bulletin Staff Writer

Hey-low.

No (semi-)regular music column would be complete without a year-end summary of the best (and worst) in music. I certainly have my opinions and I've made them quite known, especially about my "worsts" of the year. So, for this column I'm going to focus mainly on the better part of the 1996 music scene (with a small space reserved for my whining about "the industry" and whatnot). Due to space constraints, I'm limited to listing my picks for the year, but if you'd like to read my final summary—and who wouldn't?—complete with commentary and pictures, check out the page on the World Wide Web: <http://www.mwc.edu/macmieh/unajournal.html>.

Off we go...

Hip-Hop

Chino XL: "Here to Save You All" (American)
Dark Sun Riders featuring Brother J: "Seeds of Evolution" (Island)
De La Soul: "Stakes Is High" (Tommy Boy)
Jeri the Damaja: "Wrath of the Math" (Payday)
Kwest the Madd Lad: "This is My First Album" (American)
Mad Skillz: "From Where???" (Big Beat)
Dr. Octagon: "Dr. Octagon" (Bulb)
Outkast: "ATLiens" (LaFace)
Poor Righteous Teachers: "New World Order" (Profile)
Ras Kass: "Soul On Ice" (Priority)
Reign of Terror: "No One is Safe" (ROTC)

The Roots: "Illadelph Halflife" (DGC)
Sadat X: "Wild Cowboys" (Load)
10BassT: "Do You Know the Way?" (SISR)
Too Short: "Gettin' It (Album Number Ten)" (Jive)
A Tribe Called Quest: "Beats, Rhymes and Life" (Jive)
Xzibit: "At the Speed of Life" (Load)

Reggae/Dub

Yami Bolo: "Born Again" (RAS)
Bounty Killer: "My Xperience" (TVT)
Dennis Brown: "Love and Hate" (VP)
Bush Chemists: "Dub International" (ROIR)
Cocoa Tea: "Israel's King" (VP)
Culture: "One Stone" (RAS)
Israel Vibration: "Free to Move" (RAS)
Gregory Isaacs: "Looking Back" (RAS)
Gregory Isaacs: "One Man Against the World" (VP)
Barrington Levy: "Time Capsule" (RAS)
Mad Professor: "Evolution of Dub" (Ariwa)
Mad Professor/Jah Shaka: "New Decade of Dub" (Ariwa)
Freddie McGregor: "Jamaican Classics Vol. 3" (RAS)
Mutabaruka: "The Ultimate Collection" (Shanachie)
Junior Reid: "Listen to the Voices" (RAS)
Mykal Rose: "Nuh Carbon" (RAS)
Various: "Best of the Best Vol. 6" (RAS)
Various: "Kingston 12 Toughie: A Tribute to Bingy Bunny" (RAS)
Various: "Little Sound Boy" (VP)
Various: "Ragga Jungle Anthems Volume 2" (Greensleeves)
Various: "Reggae Gold 1996" (VP)
Yabby You: "Meets Mad Professor & Black Steel in Ariwa Studio" (Ariwa)
Tappa Zukie: "Deep Roots" (RAS)

Other Music

Harry Connick, Jr.: "Star Turtle" [Rock/Jazz] (Columbia)
Vanessa Daou: "Slow to Burn" [R&B] (MCA)
Delusions of Grandeur: "Morado" [Art Rock] (Great Disdain)
Danny Elfman: "Music for a Darkened Theatre" [Theme Music] (MCA)
Kevin Kern: "In the Enchanted Garden" [Classical] (Real)
Curtis Mayfield: "People Get Ready! (box set)" [Classic Soul] (Rhino)
DJ Spooky: "Songs of a Dead Dreamer" [Ambient] (Asphodel)
Cassandra Wilson: "New Moon Daughter" [Jazz] (Blue Note)
George Winston: "Linus + Lucy: The Music of Vince Guaraldi" [Jazz] (Windham Hill)

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By Rob Thormeyer and Dave McKim
Bulletin Staff Writers

Alright, we're back. After getting several offers for several million dollars to sell-out and write the column again, well, we did. Wondering what we've been up to? Read on, dear friend, read on...

1. You'll see us in *Star Wars*: That's right, during our "vacation," our agent in Hollywood (finally) returned all those calls from George Lucas and negotiated a multi-million dollar contract to appear in one of the three brand-spankin' new *Star Wars* prequels. All we have to say is that if you thought the Rancor scared you in "Return of the Jedi,"...

2. Negotiated the *PEPPER MCINTATBELLSOB Treaty* with Vatican City: Yeah, you know the one. Now the Pope can no longer ride in the "Popemobile" without offering the same method of transportation to Cal Ripken, Jr., when he visits Baltimore. During his recent visit to the Great City of the Eastern Panhandle, the Pope aggravated many natives by not offering homage to baseball's Ironman. In future visits, Ripken will have access to the NXZ-3000 Popemobile, complete with AM/FM stereo (with a 20 disc CD player, for those long trips through the streets of Barcelona) and a passenger side airbag.

3. Attempted to find the real killer of Nicole Brown Simpson: We tried to find the real killer of Simpson and Ronald Goldman, but O.J. was busy in court (again!). Boy, those security guards mean business!

4. Remember that time the *Smoking Gun* was funny?: Well, that's because we wrote it that week.

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WMWC Top Ten List

Place	Album	Artist
1	"White Light, White Heat"	Social Distortion
2	"Nine Objects of Desire"	Suzanne Vega
3	"Trainspotting"	Various Artists
4	"Angels"	Counting Crows
5	"Muddy Banks"	Nirvana
6	"Car Button Cloth"	Lemonheads
7	"Harmacy"	Sebadoh
8	"That Thing You Do"	The Wonders
9	"Jawbox"	Jawbox
10	"Sublime"	Sublime

The Top Ten List is compiled by the Music Dept. of WMWC and is determined by the amount of airplay an album receives by the DJs of the station. Questions? Please call the Bulletin at x1133 or WMWC at x1152.

Local Music Scene

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Thursday, Sean Michael Dargan
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5. Coached the Redskins covertly in September and October: Hey, Jack Kent "Can't" Cooke was willing to fork over the dough! Of course, once Cooke went into the hospital in November they closed his checking account and couldn't pay up, so we left Norv hanging without so much as a note (or a clue).

6. Played guitar with Bruce Springsteen: Hey, the guy's lost his focus and needed some new tunes. Let's just say that his next album (due out next year, video sold separately) brings back memories of "Born in the USA," except better. Grammy awards, here we come.

7. Speaking of Awards: The winner of the Annual Lounge Lizard Writers Association Award is...John "The Greek" Grevin.

8. Book signing tour: Would have been great if we had a book, but it was fun to sign all those "Dilbert" books posing as Lizardbert anyway. Hope Scott Adams doesn't find out we took all his money (well, he's got enough anyway).

9. Created Lizardwear, our new fall line of menswear: Sorry ladies! This one's for men only. Actually, it's just a new line of those beer-guzzling helmets painted green with teeth on the front, but they're selling like hot cakes (or, if you prefer, cold cakes)! Send your blank checks and/or credit cards (no cash, money orders) to MWC Box 604.

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10. The Lounge Lizard, the Motion Picture (working title): Still in the pre-production stage, the Lounge Lizard, the Motion Picture has attracted some of Hollywood's top stars including John Travolta, Harrison Ford, Uma Thurman (her part is still under development), George Clooney, Will Smith, Jerry Seinfeld, Joey Lawrence (dream on), Brian Ben Ben ("Dream On"), Jack Nicholson, and Ben Kingsley reprising his critically acclaimed role as Ghandi. Some possible cameos include: Ghandi himself, Elvis Presley, Elvis Costello, Elvis Grbac, O.J. Simpson (playing himself), Boutros-Boutros Ghali, Snoopy, and vice-president Al Gore. This guaranteed blockbuster is also attracting top-notch film-makers like John Hughes (though his calls have gone unreturned), Steven Spielberg (he should be so lucky), Jim Mallon, Quentin Tarrantino, and our best friend George Lucas. See ya in Hollywood (summer, '00).

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My Minor Whining Section

- * Nas' "It Was Written" should have been erased.
- * I learned to avoid anything featuring Foxy Brown if I wanted to have any idea what they were talking about.
- * I wish L.L. Cool J would stop already. R&B slush doesn't compliment you well.
- * What happened to decent Wu-Tang Clan releases this year? We need more Meth and Gza.

* It's nice to see more and more independent labels popping up. Except for the ones that are blood-sucking leeches like the majors.

Bye Bye


Have a joyous holiday and be nice. I'll be back around next semester (lucky for you). Peace...

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yet groovy and danceable, that's River. Lead singer and rhythm guitarist Chris Keup established River's unique style with his satiny voice and universal lyrics about life and love. Bassist Dan Conway and Jay Tobeys set a beat not only for the band, but for the audience as well. The Underground swayed to the rich River sound regardless if they danced. Lead guitarist Mario Sacasa and harmonica player Chris Atkins provided a bluesy punch and back-up vocals when needed and added a raucous B.B. King-ish influence when the lyrics needed anger or hope to accentuate the words.

River melted and glided confidently through its set with a little storytelling between songs by lead singer Chris Keup and a mature groove laid down by Conway and Tobeys on the bass and drums, respectively.

River ended its trance with a final farewell song, and left the audience feeling fulfilled and complete. The Underground audience had danced the River waves and grooved to the intrinsically mellow beat, and wandered out of the Underground, feeling good about love and life.



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Simply link movie actors through their co-stars, like so:
(Remember - connections that involve TV in any way do not count)

Here are this week's Movie Game matches:

This one is pretty easy:

Mark Wahlberg and Grace Jones

Here's one that's a little harder:

Shelley Long and Ethan Hawke

Do you have any matches you would like to see in the Bulletin? Make up your own and send them to box 604 with the solutions.

Here are the answers to last week's puzzles

Steve Martin and Oprah Winfrey

Steve Martin - Danny Glover (Grand Canyon);
Danny Glover - Oprah Winfrey (The Color Purple)

Anne Bichot and Jennifer Beals

Anne Bichot - Gerard Depardieu (Cyrano de Bergerac); Gerard Depardieu - Andie MacDowell (Green Card); Andie MacDowell - Simon Callow (Four Weddings and a Funeral); Simon Callow - Helena Bonham-Carter (A Room With a View); Helena Bonham-Carter - Carry Elwes (Lady Jane); Carry Elwes - **Jennifer Beals** (The Bride)

Send your solutions, and puzzle suggestions to the Bulletin at box 604 - Just write it down and drop it in the Campus Mail slot with our number. Next week we will print the answers and give two more exciting movie matches. Oh, and don't forget to put your name on it!

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